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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Cyberattack Shutdown of LA Port Terminal Sparks Security Worries

(U) A cyberattack that infected computers across Europe and then spread into the United States halted operations at the Port of Los Angeles' largest terminal—APM Terminals—yesterday, raising worries that destructive software could ricochet around the world and disrupt the critical supply chain. "There were no ships at berth at the terminal, and none are scheduled on Tuesday or Wednesday," said Phil Sanfield, a spokesperson for the Los Angeles port. "Trucking companies and others have been notified not to come to the terminal." Overall operations have been minimally impacted, according to port officials.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [Press Telegram](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Border Patrol Nabs 12 Drug Mules Smuggling a Half Ton of Marijuana

(U) Nogales – Authorities along the US border arrested two US citizens and 12 drug mules hiding in the back of a van with more than a half ton of marijuana on 26 June. "They all confessed to smuggling," said a Border Patrol agent. "It's not typical for mules. The fact that they were there is odd." The agent also said the 12 smugglers are likely illegal immigrants, but are still being processed by authorities, and the two US citizens are in custody and face federal drug smuggling charges.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [The Daily Caller](#)

(U) District of Columbia – China is Among Worst Human Trafficking Offenders, State Department Says

(U) Washington – China is among the world's worst offenders for allowing modern slavery to thrive within its borders, according to a strongly worded State Department report released yesterday. In its annual assessment of global efforts to end human trafficking — with an estimated 20 million people remaining in bondage around the world — the State Department dropped China to the lowest tier of its ranking this year, as it did with the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Congo.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) Florida – Central American Gangs Selling Drug Trafficking Services on Dark Web: UN Official

(U) Miami – A UN official stated that Central American gangs are strengthening their ties with transnational drug trafficking groups, in some cases using the dark web—an encrypted and anonymous part of the internet—raising questions about the potentially evolving role of Central American gangs in the transnational drug trade, according to media reporting. The specific relationship between the two, however, remains unclear, but the use of the dark web by Central American gangs suggests they are evolving into bigger players in the transnational drug trade, according to the UN report.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [QCR News](#)

(U) New York – Global Ransomware Attack: What We Know and Don't Know

(U) New York – A quickly spreading ransomware attack is hitting countries across the world including France, Russia, Spain, Ukraine and the United States, just weeks after a ransomware attack known as WannaCry. Microsoft said the attack originated in Ukraine, where hackers first targeted M.E.Doc—a tax-

accounting software company—and the ransomware soon spread to at least 64 countries. So far the attacker's identity is unknown, or whether or not there will be future collateral damage.

SOURCE: 28 June 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) Ohio – Sheriff Warns that Gangs Plan to Cause Overdose Outbreak with Heroin ‘Hotshots’

(U) Pike County – Ohio Sheriff Charles Reader recently issued a safety alert after receiving several reports of gang members planning on “taking out” snitches and spreading heroin doses intended to cause “an extremely large amount” of overdoses, according to Sheriff Reader. Members of the international criminal gang MS-13 are planning on coming into Pike County this weekend, according to the 26 June alert. Information about the gang's plans was gathered during recent drug-related investigations, according to Sheriff Reader.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Ohio – Hazmat Crew Finds White Powder at Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Not Hazardous

(U) West Chester – A package with white powder and a threat inside was delivered to the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati Tuesday. A staff member opened the letter and found the threat and powdery substance inside. West Chester spokesperson Barb Wilson could not immediately say what the threat stated. An initial test of the substance gave an inconclusive result. A second test confirmed that the substance was not hazardous. The Islamic Center has been threatened before, as police investigated a bomb threat that was called in and left as a voicemail in March.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [WCPO News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – New ISIS Video Shows Kids as Young as Eight Executing Prisoners

(U) A chilling new ISIS execution video shows brainwashed children as young as eight being forced to shoot prisoners in the head. Footage shows the two boys, both dressed in black and armed with handguns, standing behind two captives in Afghanistan. The pair pulled back the heads of the captives who they brand as “spies” before the younger of the two starts ranting at the camera. Children who are brainwashed with ISIS ideologies and trained to fight and kill for the group are known as “cubs of the caliphate.” This is not the first time children have appeared on ISIS video's carrying out executions.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [Fox News](#)

(U) China – China, Kyrgyzstan Border Forces Hold Exercises to Stop Arms Smuggling

(U) Xinjiang Region – Chinese and Kyrgyzstan border forces held exercises yesterday in China's Xinjiang region to bolster defenses against the smuggling of weapons, according to China's state media. China has stepped up security in Xinjiang amid fears of attacks by militants from the mostly Muslim Uighur ethnic minority. A car bomber attacked the Chinese embassy in the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek last year. Helicopters, armored jeeps and 700 border police officers from the neighbors took part in the exercise, according to Xinhua news.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – Authorities Find Charred Body of Missing Journalist

(U) Mexico City – A charred body found in western Mexico has been identified as the owner and director of a local television station abducted in May, the seventh journalist killed so far this year in the country. The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists says some 40 journalists have been killed in Mexico for reasons confirmed as related to their work since 1992. An additional 50 were slain during the same period under circumstances that have not been clarified.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Spain – Six Held in Spain, UK, and Germany in Anti-Jihadist Raids

(U) Majorca – Four men have been arrested on Majorca, Spain, and two more in the UK and Germany as part of a Spanish investigation into support for ISIS, according to police. The suspects are said to have produced and spread violent videos to recruit would-be jihadist fighters online. A Salafist preacher based in Birmingham, UK, was known to police and intelligence, and they alleged he travelled to Palma de Mallorca to steer the jihadist cell. The group was based in Majorca and organized secret meetings aimed at recruiting young people to travel to conflict zones to fight, according to the Spanish interior ministry.

SOURCE: 28 June 2017, [BBC News](#)

(U) Ukraine – Car Bomb Kills Senior Ukrainian Intelligence Officer in Kiev

(U) Kiev – A bomb planted under or inside a car has killed a senior Ukrainian military intelligence officer in the country's capital, according to authorities. Photos from the scene showed the mangled vehicle in the middle of a Kiev intersection. Police say the car's driver was killed immediately and two passers-by were slightly injured in the blast yesterday morning. The victim was identified as Col. Maxim Shapoval of the Chief Directorate of Intelligence, according to reporting. Investigators are treating the explosion as a terror attack but did not immediately say who was to blame.

SOURCE: 27 June 2017, [Washington Times](#)

(U) Venezuela – Venezuela: Helicopter Strafes Court in 'Terrorist Attack'

(U) Caracas – A police helicopter fired on Venezuela's Supreme Court and Interior Ministry in what President Nicolas Maduro called a thwarted terrorist attack aimed at ousting him from power. The confusing incident, which may ratchet up tensions in a country already paralyzed by months of deadly anti-government protests, took place as Maduro was speaking yesterday and as the high court handed down a series of rulings against the opposition. National Assembly President Julio Borges expressed doubts about Maduro's version of events, saying the opposition was looking into what happened.

SOURCE: 28 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

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